

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant thanks the Office for the indication of allowable subject matter. In the Office Action, Claims 1-25 were pending with Claim 9 being withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-8 and 17-25 were allowed. Claims 10-16 were rejected.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 9-16 are currently cancelled without disclaimer in an effort to advance the prosecution of the instant case. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims and additional claims directed to the invention in a related application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claim 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has cancelled these claims and believes the Office's concerns have been addressed. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Supplemental IDS

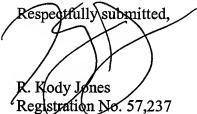
Applicant directs the Office's attention to the enclosed supplemental IDS, including, inter alia, commonly owned Application Serial Numbers 10/461,735 filed June 13, 2003; 10/742,260 filed December 20, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,335,014 issued February 26, 2008; 10/757,056 filed January 14, 2004; 11/455,924 filed June 19, 2006; 10/797,272 filed March 10, 2004; 10/797,513 filed March 10, 2004; 10/798,088 filed March 11, 2004; 11/520,083 filed September 13, 2006, now U.S. Patent No. 7,404,940 issued July 29, 2008; 11/281,915 filed November 17,

November 17, 2005, now U.S. Patent No. 7,410,356 issued August 12, 2008; 12/142,524 filed June 19, 2008; and 12/142,509 filed June 19, 2008.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant's representative can be reached at 336.273.4422 should the Office have any questions.

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